



Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 16, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Seymour, Chair
Herb Grant, Vice Chair
Sara Wright, Secretary
Manijeh Daneshpour
Kay Ek
Mark Flaten

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rebekah McDonald

STAFF PRESENT:

Nancy O'Brien

GUESTS:

Mary Hayes
Bruce Minor, Argosy University
Steve Peltier, St. Mary's University
Students

I. ORAL EXAMINATION

A total of 16 oral exams were administered on April 15, 2010, and April 16, 2010. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to: Jennifer Rebecca Petron, Christopher John Vendel, Asuka Mizobuchi, Rebekka N. McClure, Vitaliy A. Sukochev, Victoria M. Franzen, Miho Adkins, Jennifer Krizan, Hana Berlin, Aaron Trnka, Rachel Hauschildt, Kareem Braxton, Richard Johnson, Susan Salzl, and Brooke Dornbusch.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Seymour called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. in the University Room.

III. CONSIDER AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of discussion of plans for Robert Butler's upcoming retirement reception.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19, 2010, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the March 19, 2010, board meeting were approved as amended, passed on a motion by Mark Flaten and seconded by Herb Grant.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mary Hayes reported that she attended the monthly Executive Director's meeting, and stated that the Health Licensing Board's websites will soon be redesigned to be uniformly compatible. Mary Hayes also reported that HPSP is cutting its oversight by 50% due to budgetary issues.

Mary Hayes reported that she held a workshop for supervisors on April 12, 2010.

Mary Hayes reported on an update from the Attorney General's Office regarding a chiropractor whose license was reinstated after sanctions had been taken, causing a public outcry because the issue was sexual misconduct. Mary Hayes stated that the legislature may enact a law to prevent this from happening in the future.

Mary Hayes reported that the North Dakota Board of Marriage & Family Therapy requested assistance from the Minnesota Board of Marriage & Family Therapy in writing oral exam questions. Members agreed that the Board should be collaborative but be certain that privacy of the questions be protected. Mark Flaten made a motion to request that Mary Hayes develop consultation with the North Dakota Board to share Minnesota's process of question writing, not the specific content of questions. Herb Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary Hayes stated that she is going to Bethel Seminary on April 17, 2010, to discuss MFT licensure with students.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Application Committee:

Eight (8) applicants have been approved to sit for the state examination.
Seven (7) applicants have been approved to sit for the national examination.

Complaint Committee:

Mary Hayes reported that two formal discipline hearings will be heard on April 19, 2010.

Continuing Education Committee:

Sara Wright reported that the Continuing Education Committee held discussion concerning one continuing education program which was denied.

Personnel Committee:

Members held discussion concerning the budget and Executive Director hiring process.

VII. VARIANCE REVIEW

Members reviewed and held discussion regarding a request for a variance to the application process. Sara Wright made a motion to approve the application as presented to the Board. Mark Flaten seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Members reviewed and held discussion regarding a request for a variance to allow a licensee to use Skype for supervision hours. Manijeh Daneshpour made a motion to approve the request. Kay Ek seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VIII. UPDATE ON HIRING PROCESS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

John Seymour reported that with the current budget situation, the hiring process may take longer than initially expected.

XI. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

IX. ORAL EXAM QUESTION REVIEW AND EDIT

Members held discussion regarding the set of oral exam questions used for exams taken this morning.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

John Seymour reported that Minnesota Statute 15.0575, Subd.4 states, "A member may be removed by the appointing authority at any time (1) for cause, after notice and hearing, or (2) after missing three consecutive meetings. The chair of the board shall inform the appointing authority of a member missing the three consecutive meetings. After the second consecutive missed meeting and the next meeting, the secretary of the board shall notify the member in writing that the member may be removed for missing the next meeting." John Seymour requested Sara Wright to write a letter to Rebekah McDonald to notify her of this statute.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair John Seymour adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. on a motion by Ky Ek and seconded by Sara Wright.

I hereby attest that these minutes were read and approved by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy on May 21, 2010.

Sara Wright, Secretary